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LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE ANNOUNCES FIRE STATION #8 OPEN HOUSE & DEDICATION

Lincoln Fire & Rescue is inviting the public to attend a special dedication and open house at Fire Station #8, located at 2760 So. 17th Street on Saturday, July 31st from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.

Last summer, Firefighter Troy Kash-Brown from Station #8, applied for and was selected for a "Nebraska Green Space Stewardship" Initiative. This initiative was created to encourage and assist with the development of sustainable, environmentally sound public green space in communities across Nebraska. Station #8 was awarded \$7,500.00 in landscaping funds from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum's Green Space Stewardship Initiative. With FF Troy Kash-Brown overseeing the project, the firefighters at Station #8 assisted with this project.

Benefits of the landscaping include reduced watering and maintenance costs of a fescue lawn, reduce energy costs of station by using trees to moderate building temperatures, educate the public about sustainable landscapes, build community pride by including schools, neighborhood associations and the public in general to install and visit the sustainable landscape. Beautify the neighborhood by highlighting the use of native and "Nebraska " tolerant plants.

The landscape will be maintained by the firefighters at Station 8. The design was developed with the help of Mark Canney, Lincoln Parks and Recreation, Judson Evertson, Statewide Arboretum, and generous neighbors involved with the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association near the fire station were also involved with this event, and contributed to this great project.

The public and media are invited to stop by and see first hand, the end result of the beautiful landscape project. Refreshments will be served.